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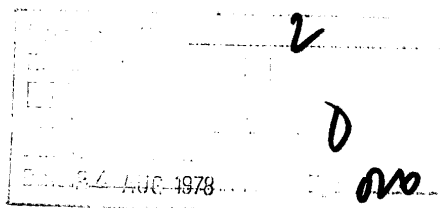
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1. Daily declarations published in the Diario de la Manana assert that there is no Communism in Guatemala, and that the anti-Communist committees that have sprung up all over Guatemala City and the departments of the Republic are nothing but reactionary conspirators to overthrow by force the Government of Colonel Jacobo Arbenz Guzman.
2. The arrests of anti-Communists in Antigua and Nueva Santa Rosa, and the violent events of July in Guatemala City have created a veritable nightmare for the people of Guatemala. Independent citizens all find themselves endangered for not agreeing with the Communist ideas, which in one form or another are supported by the Government.
3. To this constant unrest is added the scarcity of articles of prime necessity and the rise in prices, in addition to which there is the new wave of taxes that the Ministry of Finance is attempting to impose in order to fill the empty coffers of the National Treasury.
4. In view of all these difficulties, the anti-Communist civic committees are attempting to organize a mammoth demonstration to take place toward the end of September or early in October of this year. All men of good will who are against the Government's tolerance of Communism are to participate. The committees are determined that once and for all the legality or illegality of the Communist Party in Guatemala be settled, in accordance with Article 32 of the Constitution of the Republic.



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